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My name is Kristin Edmark. I live in rural Clark County near Battle Ground, WA. I gave oral testimony 9/29 Yakima in favor of the revised Residential Building Code. I am worried about the climate. I have 2 grandchildren. My daughter-in-law's family lost a home in the Oregon fires of 2020.

After listening to others, I would like to add,

*We need the proposed change now. Waiting would allow methane in the thousands of new units being proposed now, during this building expansion.

*Cities and counties trying to transition to clean energy like Vancouver and Bainbridge Island would find state support a great help. Working together we can meet our CETA goals.

*I do not believe those who testified that heat pumps would increase building costs.

Certainly, for those with air conditioning heat pumps are much cheaper. Currently in our area, gas companies are providing free hook-ups. Without the subsidy from gas companies and counting the costs of venting and ducting, I believe that heat pumps are comparable or cheaper. I believe that electricity will be less expensive and less variable than fossil fuels as the transition to clean energy continues.

*In the Vancouver area, NW Natural is doing a lot of misleading advertising especially on TV. There is a lot of misinformation and a lot of money devoted to misinformation. Many are not aware of the health risk or danger to our climate.

*The proposed update is necessary because attitudes are slow to change especially when there are strong forces and money trying to stop the change. Campaign funding has even made climate a political issue.

Thank you for your excellent work.